

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colonel Steven G. Harding's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Colonel Harding devoted more than 34 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Field Artillery Officer and leader of future leaders as Commander of the 196th Regiment in times of peace and war; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

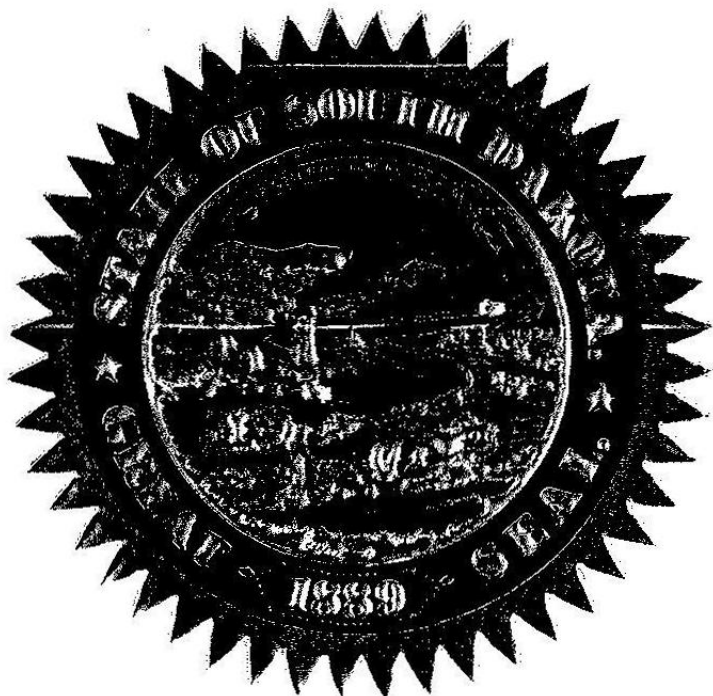
Whereas, Colonel Harding continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Colonel Steven G. Harding for more than 34 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

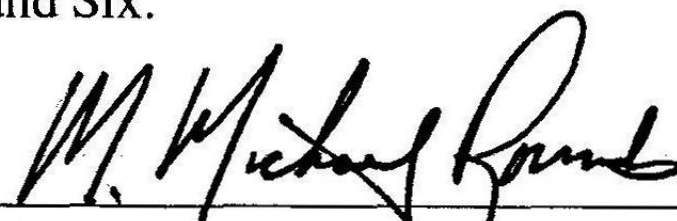
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2006, as

COLONEL STEVEN G. HARDING DAY

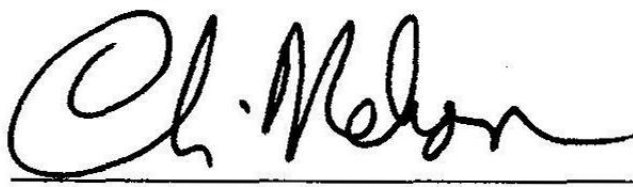
in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State